

SR500 Thurston Way Design-Build Project *Update*



Washington State
Department of Transportation

Fall 2001

SR500 Thurston Way Construction Continues, Open House Scheduled for October 25 at Mall

In April of this year, construction started on the SR500 Thurston Way Design-Build Project. There has been tremendous activity to improve this congested intersection in an efficient and safe manner.

When the road work is finished in the fall of 2002, the intersection will feature a totally new and effective configuration with SR500 traffic traveling over Thurston Way on a bridge similar to the SR500 overpass that crosses Andresen. The project has been designed to:

- improve safety
- create better connections between roads
- improve pedestrian and bicycle connections
- increase capacity of the intersection
- decrease congestion

New Configuration Starts in November

In November, the project will move into a new phase with reduced construction activity for the holiday season. This will allow traffic to flow freely through the intersection and eliminate construction-related delays.

When the holiday configuration begins:

- Drivers turning right from any direction will use exit and on ramps that parallel the current SR500 alignment.
- There will continue to be two left turn lanes in all directions at SR500 and Thurston Way.

Through traffic will have two lanes in all directions. Roadway Will Change Again in January

After the holidays are over, the intersection will be realigned. This will allow for embanking and paving of the inside lanes and construction of the bridge over Thurston Way while keeping SR500 open. In January:

- All traffic on SR500 will use the outer ramps that parallel the highway.
- Current SR500 center lanes will be closed for reconstruction.
- There will be single left turn lanes in all directions except southbound Thurston Way where there will be two left turn lanes to eastbound SR500 to accommodate the highest volume of traffic.

This configuration will continue until late fall of 2002 when the new SR500 bridge over Thurston Way will be in place and the project will be completed.

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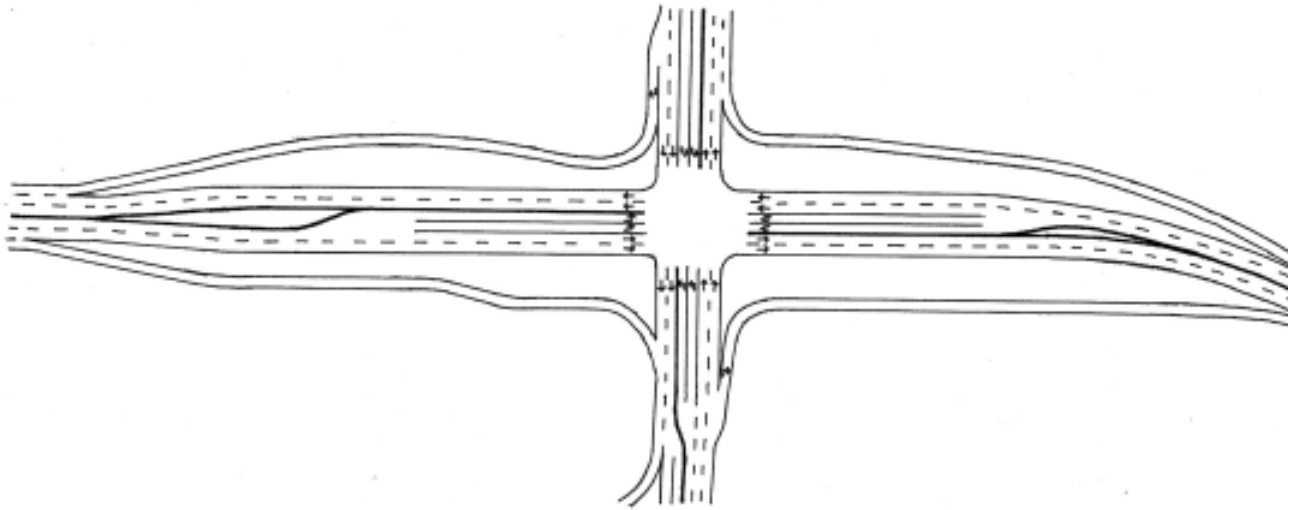
Thursday, October 25, 4-7:30 pm
Westfield Shoppingtown, SR500/Thurston Way
Lower Level, Sears Court

Come hear about upcoming changes for SR500 and Thurston Way and meet project staff.



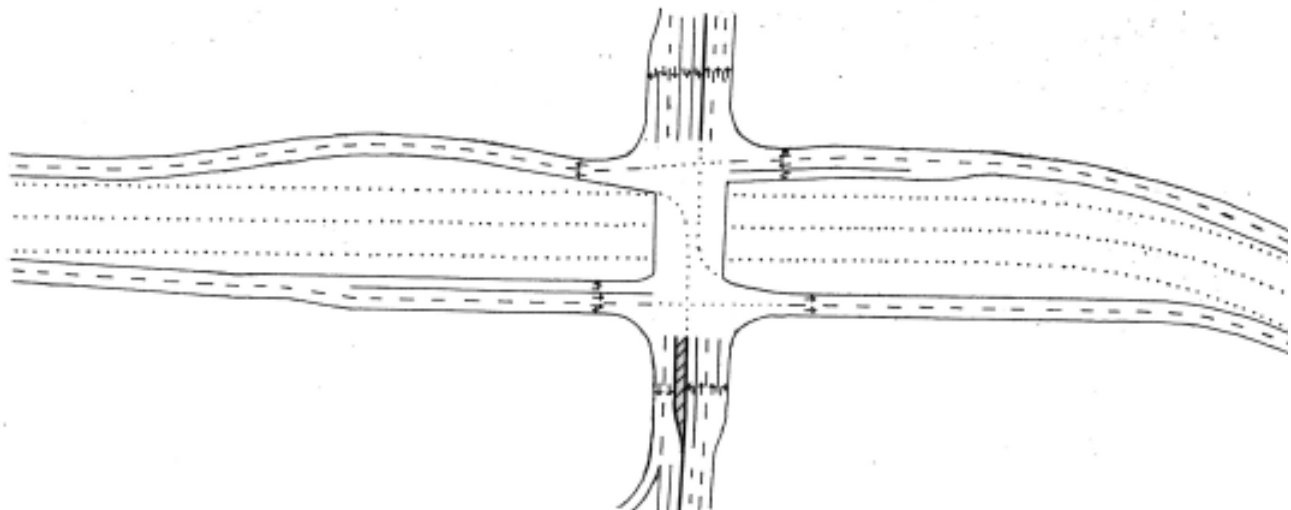
Future SR500 Bridge over Thurston Way

Upcoming SR500 Thurston Way Configurations



Holiday Configuration through Early January 2002

Construction will be limited to allow for holiday traffic. Ramps will be open for right turns in all directions.



January through Fall 2002 Configuration

All traffic will use the outer ramps. Inside lanes will be closed for construction.

Upcoming Project Construction Schedule

November 2001 - January 2002

- Temporary outside ramps opened for single-lane right turns in all directions
- Holiday traffic configuration (see description on page one and map on page two)
- Construction activities curtailed to limit impacts on holiday traffic

Winter 2002

- Closure of existing SR500 main line lanes and rechannelization of all SR500 traffic to outside lanes
- Temporary lights and signals installed
- Removal of asphalt in current SR500 through lanes

Spring 2002

- Embankment of new SR500 through lanes
- Girders set for SR500 overpass over Thurston Way

Summer 2002

- Concrete poured for new bridge overpass
- Asphalt laid
- Permanent signs and lights installed

Fall 2002

- Channelization of permanent lane alignments
- Final overlay of asphalt
- New SR500 opens

Stay Informed

There are numerous ways to keep informed about the project.

- Attend the Open House at Westfield Shoppingtown on Thursday, October 25.
- Fill out the attached survey card.
- E-mail your questions or comments to thurstonway@maxkuney.com
- Visit the project web site at: www.thurstonway.constructware.com
- Call the project hotline at 360-573-1836 if you have questions or concerns.
- Schedule a speaker to come to your local organization by calling 360-573-1836.

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Please use this return response card to share your ideas and concerns, and to be added to the mailing list. Just fill it out, add postage and drop it in the mail.

Thanks!

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Comments: _____

Please send me future mailings about the project. If this newsletter has a mailing label with your name on it, you are already on the mailing list.

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Address, City, State, Zip _____

I am a:

- ☐ Resident in the intersection vicinity
- ☐ Business person in the intersection vicinity
- ☐ Concerned citizen
- ☐ Other _____



What is a Design-Build Project?

A design-build project uses one team or company to design and construct the project, rather than the more traditional process of developing plans first and then selecting the building contractor with the lowest bid to construct the project. A design-build project:

- saves time because the design and construction phases overlap—an important factor for the SR500 Thurston Way project
- allows innovation because the designer and contractor work closely together
- transfers risk from the transportation agency to the design-build team because the team is responsible for errors that affect construction costs



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